

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A device for retrieving objects, comprising:

- a. an elongated handle with two ends;
- b. a rectangular or square base mount with at least two opposing sides, affixed to one end of the handle, and extending transversely to the handle;
- c. a box-shaped basket capable of holding two or more objects, with a top formed by said base mount, two opposing ends formed by two end-pieces hingedly attached to said base mount, base, two opposing sides and two opposing ends, capable of holding two or more objects, wherein the base mount forms the top of the basket, and and a bottom face and two opposing sides and the base of the basket are formed from formed by a series of three or more generally U-shaped wires or rods each with a first end and a second end and a transverse base section and two parallel side sections, wherein said side sections form the opposing sides of the basket and the transverse base sections form the bottom face of the basket, said wires or rods being affixed at their first and second ends to the opposing sides of the base mount, and further wherein each wire or rod is substantially parallel to and not in contact with the other wires or rods, and further wherein said wires or rods are flexible enough to allow objects to be squeezed between the loops into the basket and each section of each rod is substantially parallel to corresponding sections of the other rods, so that the two opposing ends of the basket are open.

Claims 2-4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (original). The device of claim 1, wherein the base mount comprises two rectangular pieces affixed to each other in parallel by one or more cross-bars or pieces.

Claim 6 (currently amended). The device of claim 1, wherein the U-shaped wires or rods are permanently affixed to the base mount.

Claim 7 (currently amended). The device of claim 1, wherein the U-shaped wires or rods are removably affixed to the base mount.

Claim 8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (currently amended). The device of claim 1, wherein the bends in the U-shaped wires or rods are approximately 90 degrees.

Claim 10 (currently amended). The device of claim 1, wherein the bottom face ~~base~~ of the basket is flat.

Claim 11 (currently amended). The device of claim 1, wherein the base section ~~sections~~ of one or more of the U-shaped wires or rods ~~is~~ ~~are~~ curved or bent inward ~~towards the interior of the basket~~ so the bottom face ~~base~~ of the basket ~~is~~ concave or angled inwards in whole or in part.

Claims 12-14 (canceled).

Claim 15 (currently amended). The device of claim 1 ~~[[14]]~~, further comprising one or more closing devices attached to one or more of the end-pieces to hold the end-pieces closed in relation to the basket.

Claim 16 (currently amended). The device of claim 1 ~~[[13]]~~, wherein one or both of the end-pieces comprise a single bent or curved rod, a grid or mesh structure, a plate, or some combination thereof.

Claim 17 (canceled).

Claim 18 (currently amended). The device of claim 1, wherein the U-shaped wires or rods are spaced apart in an array a distance at least the diameter of a standard golf ball.

Claim 19 (canceled).